


REMARKS

Applicants are appreciative of the Examiner's indication that Claims 38 and 40 are allowed and are also in agreement with the Examiner's amendment to Claim 1.

The Examiner has indicated that the applicants are required to remove one of the two periods included in Claim 1 as originally submitted so that Claim 1 is in one sentence form. This change is reflected in the currently amended Claim 1. Due to the current amendment to Claim 1, applicants do not believe that Claims 2-4, 6-12, and 32 lack antecedent basis to the cart limitation as the antecedent basis is now provided by the currently amended Claim 1.

No new matter is believed or intended to be involved in the present amendment. In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all of the rejections have been addressed and overcome. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that all claims are allowable and pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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